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Washington, Feb. 11.—The statement that he had received suggestions that Great Britain was "circulating propaganda" in this country to deter American naval building, was made in the senate today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, during a general debate on disarmament. He understood, he said, that the facts were in the possession of the navy department.

Senator Poindeux, republican, Washington, pointed out the navy committee's recent adverse report on Senator Borah's suggestion for a naval holiday, in answer to a question whether the committee's investigation had disclosed any such situation, replied that there had been "some testimony" on the subject, but the committee did not believe it should be made public.

"If this information is in the hands of the navy department," Senator Borah said, "the congress should be informed that in the archives of the navy department there is proof of the propaganda conducted by Great Britain. At the same time we are told that the British ambassador is on his way here to suggest a disarmament conference."

Senator Borah again urged that an agreement be reached between the naval powers for reduction of armaments. "Investigation to determine whether capital ships are actually obsolete."

"Unless there is an agreement reached between the naval powers, we are competing in naval building," he said. "It will lead to war inevitably."

Opinions of American, British, German and other naval experts that capital ships have become obsolete were presented by Senator Borah. He read from a letter by an American rear admiral, retired, who said:

"I would stake my life that in a few years a surface navy alone can go no where but to the bottom."

The name of the officer who wrote the letter, Senator Borah said, would be given to the navy department, if it desired. This officer, he added, also wrote that the United States could never be attacked successfully by a power or combination of powers from overseas.

Senator Poindeux, in defending the navy committee's report supporting the building program, declared that if the United States accepted the disarmament program, it would lose its insular possessions and its citizens would be able to travel the seas only upon terms laid down by rival nations.

"Before sitting down with these nations at the conference," he said, "the committee feels we should take precautions not to sit down disarmed."

"The senator said that Great Britain would reduce its fleet to the present strength of the American navy and if Japan would actually stop naval construction, the committee would be in a position to make a treaty as strong as the American and that Japan would equal the American strength within the next three or four years."

TO CALL FEDERAL TROOPS FROM WILLIAMSON, W. VA.

Charlestown, W. Va., Feb. 11.—The war department has refused a request from Governor John J. Connelley of West Virginia that federal troops be sent to the state to maintain order in the Mingo region, where a battle between the Mingo and the federal troops was fought last night. This statement was made here today by the governor, who said that the federal troops were being withdrawn from the state.

The exact date on which the federal troops will move out of Williamson was not made known.

When the adjutant general's reply was received, the governor conferred with Colonel Jackson S. Adams, superintendent of the state department of public safety. He instructed the colonel to proceed to Williamson at once to take charge of the situation, and to "exercise all the authority vested in you by the act creating the department."

It was reported here tonight that practically all members of the state police force are already on duty in the Mingo region. They were transferred to that section last month when the two companies of federal troops were removed.

Governor Connelley said tonight that his request for the retention of federal troops was made after Judge Bailey and other officials in Mingo county had urged him to "ask that the troops remain in their present capacity until the trial was completed." Counsel for both sides in the Mingo trial made similar requests, the governor added.

TWO YALE PROFESSORS INSURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Sermon, Conn., Feb. 11.—Three occupants of an automobile on its way down to Watertown from New Haven had a narrow escape from death early tonight when the machine went over an embankment and came to a stop in the Naugatuck river. Rev. Dr. Charles R. Brown, dean of the Yale Divinity school, sustained fractures on the head from broken glass, and Rev. Dr. Henry H. Twedy, professor of Practical Theology at Yale, suffered a fractured collar bone and lacerations on the face. Harry S. Roberts, an instructor in the Yale school of Watertown, was the driver of the automobile. He was shaken up, but otherwise uninjured.

The accident occurred when Roberts drove to the left on North Main street in order to pass a crowd of factory employees. The automobile, got into the trolley tracks and when Roberts tried to get back onto the middle of the road the car slipped across the trolley tracks and plunged down an embankment for a distance of 40 feet. The machine struck a tree and overturned before reaching the river. The three occupants of the automobile were taken from beneath the car and Dr. Twedy was found to have been severely injured. He was attended by a physician and later left with Dean Brown for New Haven.

Dean Brown was to have made an address at the Yale school tonight and Prof. Twedy was to have spoken at St. John's church in Watertown.

FOR BETTER INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN

New York, Feb. 11.—United action to bring about better social and industrial conditions for women in the eastern states was decided upon at a conference here today of representatives of women's organizations from New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

A resolution was passed asking the National Consumers league to call a conference of all organizations interested in welfare legislation for the purpose of framing a unified program to be urged immediately before the various state legislatures.

Massachusetts was held up to the delegates at this meeting by the various speeches as being the most advanced of any state in the Union in having passed laws favorable to working women. It was announced after the meeting that attempts will be made to have other states enact similar laws regulating hours of work and providing a minimum wage.

Confessions of the delegates in the eastern states were described by — Louis E. Rantoul and Miss Ethel M. Johnson of Massachusetts, Mrs. Clifford Pinchot and Miss Clara Southwick of Delaware, Mrs. Gerald Cooper of Rhode Island, Miss Mary Wells of Connecticut, John Roach of the New Jersey labor department and Mrs. Irene Sylvester of New York.

Today's conference was called by local branches of the Y. W. C. A., Consumers League, New York State League of Women's Voters, The Women's City Club, New York State League of Girls' Clubs and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

URGES NON-SUBMISSION WITH REPARATIONS DEMANDS

Breslau, Germany, Feb. 11.—(By The A. P.)—Paul Loebe, president of the Breslau Volkswacht, urges Germany, in an editorial appearing in his paper today, to refuse to comply with the Paris reparations demands, thereby permitting occupation of the Ruhr by the enemy, which, he says, would be compelled to attempt operation of the mines.

He declares the miners would refuse to work and the coal production would fall off to such an extent that the entire world would abandon its demands and submit to more reasonable conditions.

Unemployment would be widespread if the present plan is agreed to. Here Loebe believes: tax receipts would decline and it would not be possible for the entire to collect its indemnities.

NELLIE MELBA SERIOUSLY ILL WITH INFLUENZA

London, Feb. 11.—Nellie Melba, the grand opera prima donna, is seriously ill with influenza at Monte Carlo, according to a special dispatch received here.

Mme. Melba, who was born in Melbourne, was a world-wide reputation as a grand opera singer. She made her debut in 1877 in Brussels as "Gilda" in "Rigoletto."

No Street Traffic in Albany or Troy

Heavy Snow Frustrates Strike-Breakers and Halts All Jitney Buses That Have Been in Operation.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Strike breakers made futile efforts today to picket street car along tracks buried beneath the heaviest snow of the year in both Albany and Troy. Tonight, with the snow storm increasing both cities feared an entire absence of any kind of transportation tomorrow. Jitney buses in large numbers were abandoning the streets where they have flourished since 1,000 employees of the United Traction company went on strike two weeks ago.

Everything more than a foot deep stopped driving save sleighs on some thoroughfares. Unless the temperature should rise, it was not expected that street cars could make any headway for several days.

Meanwhile union labor in Albany was drafting a programme to extend relief to the traction employees who quit work rather than accept a 25-cent reduction in pay. The company's refusal to accept

OPPOSITION IN HOUSE TO NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL

Washington, Feb. 11.—The naval appropriation bill ran through hostile waters in the house today but at the end was still afloat.

Shot at from all sides, it almost went down at times as members attempted to amend, some of the provisions of the \$395,000,000 measure. One section, on the point of going out, was saved by Chairman Butler of the naval affairs committee, who went to the front and rescued it. Opponents of the bill charged that it was a result of the general dissatisfaction with the new method of framing appropriation legislation. Hereafter the naval bill has been drafted by the naval committee, but under the so-called budget system that committee holds its hands while a sub-committee on appropriations does the work.

Representative Britten of Illinois, ranking republican member of the naval committee, declared that while he had always the argument that funds recommended by the framers of the measure were not authorized by law. In this way many sections went out on points or order, with indications that many more will go out for only a little headway was made with the reading today.

Advocates of economy and friends of disarmament jumped to their feet in all parts of the chamber to throw out an amendment by Representative Hicks, republican, New York, of the naval committee, providing \$7,500,000 for navy aircraft. At the end, they had their way, although Mr. Hicks pleaded hard and earnestly for sufficient funds to build up the air branch of the sea service. There was no vote on the amendment, it being put out on a point of order as new legislation.

There were many speeches for and against the biggest navy in the world. Representative Poy of North Carolina, ranking republican member of the naval committee, declared that he had voted for a big navy every year during his 20 years of service, he had hoped the time might come when he could cease giving such support.

"A battleship is of no earthly value except to kill or be killed," he said. "Right now, ninety per cent. of all government appropriations are for the army and navy and God help us if this thing is to continue. I see no hope for the future. The chairman of the military committee, recently made a startling statement which was calculated to shock but which nevertheless is true when he said that the nation was without a friend among the nations of the world. So I shall continue to vote for an unconquerable navy—not a navy as great as the greatest, but a navy that can defeat any under the sun."

TESTIMONY TO BE TAKEN IN MATEWAN BATTLE CASE TODAY

Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 11.—(By The A. P.)—Testimony will be taken tomorrow in the Matewan shooting trial. Counsel for both sides and the court agreed on that point. Victims of the shooting, who were taken to the hospital, will be called to the stand. One will be tried on charges growing out of the death of Albert C. Felts during a pistol battle in the West Virginia mountain town.

Two of the co-defendants, N. H. Atwood and B. R. Page, were today dismissed on motion of the prosecution. Tonight there were rumors of intention on the part of one or more of the defendants to turn state's evidence. These rumors were discounted, however, by Atwood's statement that he "sore" because he could not stand trial with the other defendants.

Page, the only negro in the case, is said to have left Williamson soon after being discharged. Counsel for the defense made vigorous objection to the dismissal of these men but to no avail.

Eager anticipation yielded to keen disappointment when a recess was ordered. The court later announced that the trial would be continued for the next day.

Tomorrow will be the sixteenth day of the trial, fourteen of which were occupied in obtaining a jury.

STRIKE OF BUILDING TRADES IN BOSTON STILL CONTINUES

Boston, Feb. 11.—Failure of the strike committee of the Building Employers' Association to appear at city hall today prevented a conference arranged there by Mayor Peter D. James and the United Building Trades Council.

The employers' committee gave as its reason for non-attendance that fact that it had not received from the council assurance that strike settlement negotiations would be conducted on a ninety-cent an hour wage basis, insisted on by the association. The council later announced that negotiations for the conference, which had been carried on solely between the council and Mayor Peters, included no stipulation for the 90-cent basis for settlement.

Tewfik Pasha, a Turkish Delegate.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—The delegates of the Turkish government to the conference with the allies in London on Near Eastern questions will include Tewfik Pasha, the grand vizier, and Osman Nizami Pasha, former minister of war, with twelve experts and secretaries. The delegates will leave Constantinople Saturday and remain 24 hours in Paris on the way to London.

Boothegger's Death Blow to Investigators

Frank Walsh Was to Have Been One of the Most Valuable Witnesses in New York Graft Probe.

New York, Feb. 11.—The death of Frank Walsh, alleged leader of a band of automobile and whiskey thieves, near New Brunswick, N. J., last night, removes one of the most valuable witnesses in the investigation into alleged municipal corruption. Former Governor Whitman said here today.

"I have caused an investigation to be started into Walsh's death," Mr. Whitman declared here today. "He was a very important link in the automobile graft cases."

In the death of Walsh, on the eve of his testimony before the grand jury concerning the graft in the recovery of stolen automobiles, many persons profess to see a parallel with the death of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler killed during the Becker investigation conducted by Mr. Whitman some years ago. Rosenthal was killed the night before he was to

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

William Cullen Bryant's Ode For the Martyred President's Obsequies Read in New York, April 25, 1865

Oh, slow to smite and swift to spare,
Gentle and merciful and just,
Who, in the fear of God, didst bear
The sword of power, a nation's trust,
In sorrow by thy bier we stand,
Amid the awe that hushes all,
And speak the anguish of a land
That shook with horror at thy fall.
Thy task is done; the bond are free.
We bear thee to an honored grave,
Whose proudest monument shall be
The broken fetters of the slave.
Pure was thy life; its bloody close
Hath placed thee with the sons of light,
Among the noble host of those
Who perished in the cause of Right.

Walsh was a witness before the grand jury. Walsh was scheduled to appear before the additional grand jury next Tuesday, Assistant District Attorney Smith said.

"Walsh was an automobile thief," Mr. Smith stated. "He came through to save himself. He thought we had the goods on him. As a matter of fact, we didn't. He was one of the mob who told me a lot about the inside workings of the automobile graft. He has never been taken to the criminal courts building. He always met me on the outside. Walsh signed to me once in a while higher marriages, he had never intentionally had more than one wife at a time."

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Brief Telegrams

Dr. Max Brorak, the famous art historian of Vienna University, is dead at Grunbach, Moravia.

Senator Lackwood is in New York to confer with Samuel Untermyer concerning housing investigations.

Canada's fire losses in 1920 amounted to approximately \$22,000,000 or about \$2.43 per capita of the population.

Fire in the freight shop No. 2 of the N. Y. & N. H. shops at Concord, N. H., caused a loss estimated at \$25,000.

The Leyland liner Winifredian finished a tempestuous trip from Liverpool to Boston three days late.

Return to pre-war prices of onions, potatoes, cabbages and carrots was announced in report of New York dealers.

The Sandow Motor Truck Company of New England was petitioned into bankruptcy.

A deficit of 40,000,000 crowns is shown in the supplementary budget of the Austrian government for the fiscal year.

The private bank of Ettore Forte in the foreign colony in the North End, Boston, was closed by Bank Commissioner Allen.

Radium valued at \$25,000 will be made available to the poor people of Connecticut by the Bridgeport hospital, through the legislature.

Owing to the surplus on hand from last year and the outlook for 1921, many Utah canners may not pack tomatoes this year.

There is no outward indication that the Yale corporation at its meeting today will elect a president to succeed President Arthur T. Hadley.

Earthquake shocks are reported from Farentina, in the Province of Avenna, on the Adriatic sea about 100 miles south of Venice.

The short skirt is approved and dances of the day are defended by The Tartan, student paper of the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Labor troubles in the city of Rosario, Buenos Aires, have assumed threatening proportions. A general strike has been called.

Nebraska house of representatives by a vote of 43 to 44, refused to permit Miss Mary McSwiney to speak before the legislature.

John Ringling, of circus fame, sold the Dayton, Toledo & Chicago Railway to W. H. Ogborn, of Chicago, and a group of capitalists.

The prohibition agents including Edwin T. Waters, formerly in charge of the western New York district, were suspended from duty.

The governor of Bilbao, Spain, issued an order for the imposition of heavy fines on any person guilty of giving alms to street beggars.

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5 AMERICAN BLUE JACKETS FELL AT VLADIVOSTOK

One of the Sailors Was Wounded—Impression Prevails That the Attack Was Arranged by Communists With the Object of Straining Relations Between Japan and the United States—Three Russian Officers Have Been Arrested—No Report of the Affair Has Been Received by the State Department.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—Five American blue jackets were fired at by unknown persons in Vladivostok at eleven o'clock Tuesday night, one of them being wounded, says the Asahi Shimbun's Vladivostok correspondent today.

The Americans, reinforced by Russian policemen, arrested three Russian officers formerly under the late General Kappel, one commander of the western arm of the Omak government, the correspondent adds.

The impression in Vladivostok, according to the correspondent, is that the attack was arranged by communists with the object of straining relations between Japan and the United States.

ATTEMPT NOT REPORTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT

Washington, Feb. 11.—The attack on five American blue jackets at Vladivostok Tuesday night, as announced by the Asahi Shimbun of Tokyo, had not been reported tonight to the navy department. In the absence of an official report, department officials refused comment.

CONJECTURE AS TO MAKE UP OF THE HARDING CABINET

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 11.—While President-elect Harding was disposing of another long list of miscellaneous appointments today, it became known that in the very near future he would begin a series of conferences calculated to bring to the fore the whole question of cabinet selections.

The names of three of those expected here within the next few days attracted particular attention because all of them are known to have been under serious consideration for cabinet places. They are Charles Evans Hughes of New York; Charles G. Dawes of Illinois; and J. Davis of Pennsylvania, considered for the position of state treasury secretary, respectively. Varying significance was attached however, to their visits.

Mr. Hughes generally is conceded by those close to Mr. Harding to be the president-elect's choice for secretary of the treasury, and the fact that he is coming to Florida was accepted as one more indication that he will be the appointment. It is expected that at the conference, which probably will take place early next week, the two will discuss the whole question of preliminary diplomatic steps toward formation of an association of nations.

The prospective visit of Mr. Dawes, who recently got into the limelight by a spectacular denunciation of the republican congressional committee's investigation of the conduct of the war, is more of an enigma. It was understood in Washington that he was foremost in Mr. Harding's mind for the treasury position, but in recent weeks the friends of other aspirants have become so active as to greatly cloud the situation.

Mr. Dawes is a relative of Mr. Harding's and it is pointed out that it would be only natural for him to call and pay his respects to the leader of his party. Whether a deeper meaning is to be attached to the appointment, is a question that no one at Mr. Harding's headquarters would answer.

No announcement has been made of a formal appointment for Mr. Davis, but it is expected that he will be named within a few days. It is understood that Mr. Harding has heard flattering reports of his capability, but desired closer personal acquaintance before reaching a decision in regard to the position.

Today the issue of the cabinet was conferred with Senator Wadsworth and Charles D. Hill of New York, who are understood to have been discussing among other things the republican stand in their state. He also saw Joseph Barrett, former head of the Pan-American Union, and Mrs. W. H. Felton of Atlanta, both of whom had appointments postponed yesterday. Mr. Barrett called over Pan-American headquarters generally and Mrs. Felton gave Mr. Harding the views of an anti-administration democrat on the league of nations and other subjects.

After his talk with the President-elect, Mr. Barrett issued a statement predicting that the attitude of the coming administration would be one of friendliness to Pan-America and that men of high qualifications would be chosen to the Pan-American ambassadorships.

Mrs. Harding who spent the past three weeks shopping and attending to other personal errands in Washington and New York, joined Senator Wadsworth here tonight to remain until he leaves for Marion on February 28. She expects to make her stay here avocation and will take part in few social functions.

FARMERS TO OPPOSE REPEAL OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

Cleveland, Feb. 11.—Farmers of the country will oppose any attempt to repeal excess profit and income taxes, J. R. Howard, Chicago, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told delegates attending the All-American Co-operative Congress here today.

"Strenuous efforts are being made to place the burden of taxation on the farmers and the home owners by the repeal of these war tax measures," Howard said.

Howard asserted farmers of the corn belt region including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, were ready to donate \$5,000,000 of bushels of corn to the government to help pay the cost of the war.

Howard, he said, have agreed to transport the grain to the seaboard free and naval reserves have volunteered to see the grain delivered. It is the plan of the American Farm Bureau to start the movement of this gift corn from country stations on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22.

BOLSHEVIST MINISTER SENDS RADIO TO ITALY

London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome says that M. Chicherine, the bolshevik minister of foreign affairs, has sent a wireless dispatch to "Vittorio" Stora, the Italian foreign minister, demanding an explanation of Italy's delay in resuming economic relations with Soviet Russia and admitting a Russian mission to Italy, and asking whether Italy has changed her mind in this respect.

The dispatch adds that in official circles it is made that there is any obstacle in the way of economic relations between the two countries, except that Italy objected to the sending to Italy of a large soviet mission, aggregating forty members, with diplomatic rights and unlimited privileges in the employment of couriers between Moscow and Rome. Moscow, it was added, recently agreed to reduce this number to ten persons.

WOUNDED WHEN REVOLVER FELL FROM FATEES'S POCKET

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 11.—Dr. Harry H. Goldner, a dentist, was wounded in his office here today when a revolver fell from the pocket of a patient he was operating on and exploded. Dr. Goldner continued his work on the patient, the patient (Goldner), while a physician attended the bullet wound in his thigh.

A week ago the girl complained of pains in her arms and shoulders. The next day she started talking and since that time has slept only two hours. She continued to talk while asleep.

Physicians say that she apparently is normal in every respect except for the continued talking.

MILFORD GIRL TAKES POISON IN STREETS OF NEW HAVEN

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 11.—Miss Ruth Brockbury, of Milford, died in Grace hospital tonight from the effects of poison, which she took while walking in Sperry street here this afternoon.

There are more than 25,000,000 bushels in America, against 15,000,000 in Europe.